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NANCY ELLEN VANCE,

an individual resident of the State of Michigan,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 08-10632

Honorable Rosen

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CHARLES ODELL LATIMER, a/k/a CHARLIE LATIMER,

an individual resident of the State of Michigan,

Defendant.

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# VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF, COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT, AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff, by and through her attorneys, hereby sets forth the following Verified Complaint against the Defendant as follows:

# **NATURE OF ACTION**

1. This is an action for copyright infringement under the U.S. Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. §101 et seq., for declaratory relief seeking an adjudication of ownership of the Defendant's musical works and sound recordings in favor of the Plaintiff, and for acts of unfair competition under Section 43(a) of the Lanham Act as well for violations of the common law of the State of Michigan. This action arises under the U.S. Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. §101 et seq., the Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §§2201-2202, and the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. 1051 et seq. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1338(a), 1338(b), 1367, and 2201(a), because a federal question is involved under 28 U.S.C. §1331 as well as 15 U.S.C. 1121(a). Venue is based upon 28 U.S.C. § 1391 since the Defendant resides within this judicial district.

#### THE PARTIES

# Plaintiff:

2. Nancy Ellen Vance (hereinafter "VANCE" or "Plaintiff") is an individual resident of the State of Michigan having an address at 1112 Mcreland Court in Rochester Hills, Michigan 48307. The subject matter and events which are relevant to this action concern the Plaintiff's creation and development of a musical compilation of the sound recordings bearing the vocals of the Defendant, more commonly known as "Charlie Latimer: Through The Years", as well as the adjudication and enforcement of two (2) separate written agreements entered into between the parties in 2005 which declare that the Plaintiff is the "sole

owner" of the Defendant's musical rights and that the Plaintiff will also receive 20% of all of the Defendant's "earnings from musical performances indefinitely." See the duly notarized September 29, 2005 document signed by the Defendant at Exhibit A hereto and the duly notarized October 1, 2005 document signed by the Defendant at Exhibit B hereto.

3. Upon information and belief, Defendant, Charles Odell Latimer, a/k/a Charlie Latimer (hereinafter "LATIMER" or "Defendant"), is an individual resident of the State of Michigan having an address within this judicial district at 659 Glen Circle #32 in Rochester Hills, Michigan 48307. Defendant LATIMER is a singer, musical performer, and provider of voice-over services that is professionally known as Charlie Latimer who has publicly performed and made musical sound recordings for approximately forty (40) years.

#### Factual Background

4. From approximately August 2004 to early 2006, Plaintiff and the Defendant maintained a personal and professional relationship whereby the Plaintiff took steps to select, arrange, and create a compilation of the Defendant's musical works to be stored, and potentially sold, on electronic disc media, more commonly known as a compact disc or CD, as a form of tangible good or product. To identify, distinguish, and promote this compilation to the public, Plaintiff created, developed, published, and sought all necessary third party consents and permissions to create a musical compilation known as "Charlie Latimer: Through The Years" in 2005 (hereinafter referred to as "the Plaintiff's musical compilation").

- 5. One of the more primary and fundamental functions of the Plaintiff's musical compilation, "Charlie Latimer: Through The Years", is to serve as a fundraising tool for the Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) Foundation of Michigan, whereby a portion of the net proceeds from the contemplated sale of the Plaintiff's musical compilation would be donated to Camp Redwing, a camp for children suffering from Obsessive Compulsive Disorder.
- 6. Indeed, a number of third party artists and musicians who provided their necessary consent and permission to the Plaintiff to create and develop the Plaintiff's musical compilation as set forth in Paragraph 4 above, explicitly conditioned their consent and permission that the Plaintiff would use the Plaintiff's musical compilation to achieve the charitable and philanthropic purposes set forth in Paragraph 5 above.
- 7. The Plaintiff's musical compilation, "Charlie Latimer: Through The Years", consists of the selection of twenty (20) musical tracks of the Defendant's vocal performances. The particular twenty (20) musical tracks in Plaintiff's compilation include the following: "You Don't Know Me", "Just Like A Woman", "It Takes A Lot To Laugh, It Takes A Train To Cry", Always On My Mind", 'Under African Skies" (with Barbara Bredius), "Fanette", "Imagine", "Fire and Rain", "Angel", "Love Minus Zero", "I Think It's Going To Rain Today", "Can't Help Falling In Love", "I Threw It All Away", "Lord Randall", "Games People Play", "Knockin' On Heaven's Door", "Until It's Time For You To Go", "Just Like Tom Thumb's Blues", "The Weight", and "There's A Meetin' Here Tonight". The specific compilation created and developed by the Plaintiff was first published

and disseminated to third parties on September 10, 2005 and a photocopy of the jacket and other tangible goods consisting of the Plaintiff's musical compilation is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

- 8. The Plaintiff's musical compilation, "Charlie Latimer: Through The Years" described above and attached hereto at Exhibit C constitutes copyrightable subject matter as a compilation within the meaning of Title 17 of the U.S. Code and U.S. Copyright Office Circular 56 as issued by the Library of Congress.
- 9. Plaintiff enjoys copyright protection in Plaintiff's musical combilation under federal law. Such copyrightable subject matter belongs to the Plaintiff as the creator and author of the Plaintiff's musical compilation.
- 10. In the case of the Plaintiff's musical compilation shown at Exhibit C, the material is also the subject matter of a pending application before the U.S. Copyright Office (hereinafter "the Plaintiff's Copyright Filing"). Plaintiff has paid all fees necessary for the Plaintiff's Copyright Filing set forth at Exhibit D.
- 11. As a result of offering, publishing, disseminating, marketing and providing the Plaintiff's musical compilation, and particularly the Plaintiff's Copyright Filing, to promote the musical composition, and the widespread recognition of the charitable and philanthropic purposes of the Plaintiff's musical composition thereof by the public, the Plaintiff's musical composition, as a tangible good or product, and the Plaintiff's Copyright Filing have both come to be, and now are, well and favorably known to the public, and identified with the

Plaintiff, as content and material of high quality, professionalism, and reliability associated with the Plaintiff's philanthropic endeavors.

- 12. Use and ownership of the Plaintiff's musical compilation, and particularly the Plaintiff's Copyright Filing, by Plaintiff in conjunction with the promotion of musical works is distinctive and represents a highly valuable asset and source indicator for consumers who are seeking to obtain a tangible musical work which also devotes a portion of the proceeds of any purchasing decision for charitable and philanthropic causes, such as Camp Redwing of the OCD Foundation of Michigan.
- 13. Plaintiff thereby built up and now owns valuable goodwill, which is represented by the Plaintiff's musical compilation and the Plaintiff's Copyright Filing, shown and attached at Exhibit C and Exhibit D.
- 14. Although Plaintiff is the sole creator and copyright owner of both the Plaintiff's musical compilation and Plaintiff's Copyright Filing upon creation of the musical compilation, Defendant also provided Plaintiff with two (2) separate and notarized written transfers and assignments which unequivocally state and evidence the agreement between the parties, as signed by Defendant Latimer himself, that Plaintiff "Nancy Ellen Vance is the sole owner of all my music, which may be used at her discretion." See Exhibit A dated September 29, 2005 and Exhibit B dated October 1, 2005.
- 15. Upon information and belief, the documents set forth at Exhibit A and Exhibit B hereto, each constitute valid written assignments and enforceable transfers of all of the Defendant's rights, including copyright interests, relating to

the Defendant's music to the Plaintiff, as the sole owner thereof, within the meaning of the U.S. Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. §201, and under the common law of the State of Michigan, from at least the date of September 29, 2005 to the present.

- 16. Upon information and belief, the documents set forth at Exhibit A and Exhibit B hereto, each constitute valid and enforceable written agreements signed by the Defendant which unambiguously state that Plaintiff "Nancy Ellen Vance will receive 20% of all my earnings from musical performances indefinitely", from at least September 29, 2005 to the present.
- 17. At some time in the recent past on a date not yet known to Flaintiff, but after the September 29, 2005 transfer and assignment at Exhibit A and the October 1, 2005 transfer and assignment at Exhibit B, Defendant, without authority, consent, permission, or license from the Plaintiff, began to offer, promote, provide, sell, and disseminate a musical work that Defendant has named "Charlie Latimer I'll Sing A Song For You" to the public in this judicial district (hereinafter "the Defendant's CD), which contains content which copies, simulates and/or imitates the Plaintiff's musical compilation, tangible product, and the Plaintiff's Copyright Filing, and, accordingly, infringes upon the Plaintiff's Copyright Filing within the meaning of the U.S. Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. 101, et seq., and 15 U.S.C. 501 in particular. A sample of the Defendant's CD and unauthorized use of the Plaintiff's musical compilation and the Plaintiff's Copyright Filing in particular, is attached hereto at Exhibit E. The actions of the

Defendant have occurred in this judicial district and are believed to have been on an on-going and continuous basis.

- 18. Upon information and belief, Defendant's acts of offering, promoting, providing, selling, and disseminating the Defendant's CD to the public within this judicial district is in breach, and a violation of, the September 29, 2005 Agreement between the parties at Exhibit A and the October 1, 2005 Agreement between the parties at Exhibit B in that the Plaintiff is the sole owner of any and all musical rights of the Defendant embodied in the Defendant's CD.
- 19. Upon information and belief, Defendant's acts of offering, promoting, providing, selling, and disseminating the Defendant's CD to the public within this judicial district constitutes acts of unfair competition, passing off, and reverse passing by creating a false association that the Defendant has authority to provide and sell the Defendant's CD which contains musical rights that are actually owned by the Plaintiff by virtue of, the September 29, 2005 Agreement between the parties at Exhibit A and the October 1, 2005 Agreement between the parties at Exhibit B.
- 20. Upon information and belief, the Defendant has sold and provided the Defendant's CD to the public within this judicial district on at least Cictober 20, 2007 at the Musical Extravaganza Benefit for the Church of the Holy City located in Royal Oak, Michigan.
- 21. At some time in the recent past on a date not yet known to Plaintiff, but after the September 29, 2005 agreement at Exhibit A and the October 1, 2005 agreement at Exhibit B, Defendant has provided and engaged in musical

performances within this judicial district without notifying, providing, or remitting to Plaintiff the 20% of earnings for such musical performances due and owing to the Plaintiff by the Defendant in accordance with the written requirements of the September 29, 2005 agreement at Exhibit A and the October 1, 2005 agreement at Exhibit B. The actions of the Defendant have occurred in this judicial district and are believed to have been on an on-going and continuous basis.

- 22. Upon information and belief, Defendant's acts of providing and engaging in musical performances within this judicial district, without notifying, paying, or remitting to the Plaintiff the 20% of the earnings for such musical performances due and owing to the Plaintiff by the Defendant in accordance with the written requirements of the September 29, 2005 agreement at Exhibit A and the October 1, 2005 agreement at Exhibit B, is a breach and violation of, the September 29, 2005 Agreement between the parties at Exhibit A and the October 1, 2005 Agreement between the parties at Exhibit B.
- 23. Upon information and belief, Defendant's acts of providing and engaging in musical performances within this judicial district, without notifying, paying, or remitting to the Plaintiff the 20% of the earnings for such musical performances due and owing to the Plaintiff by the Defendant in accordance with the written requirements of the September 29, 2005 agreement at Exhibit A and the October 1, 2005 agreement at Exhibit B require the Defendant to provide Plaintiff with an accounting of all earnings received by the Defendant for musical performances provided by the Defendant from at least September 29, 2005 to the present.

24. Upon information and belief, the Defendant performed and provided musical performances within this judicial district on at least: (a) October 2, 2005 at the Rochester Hills Public Library in Rochester, Michigan where Defendant is believed to have earned the sum of \$1,000.00 for his musical performances; (b) December 10, 2005 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Eerkley, Michigan where Defendant is believed to have earned the sum of \$150.00 for his musical performances; (c) January 19, 2006 at the OPC (Older Persons' Commission) in Rochester, Michigan where Defendant is believed to have earned the sum of \$750.00 for his musical performances; (d) November 19, 2006 at the Orion Township Public Library in Lake Orion, Michigan where Defendant is believed to have earned the sum of \$600.00 for his rousical performances; (e) February 21, 2007 at the Senior Center/Peoples Coffee House in Madison Heights, Michigan where Defendant is believed to have earned the sum of \$600.00 for his musical performances; (f) March 3, 2007 at the Shaarey Zedek Synogague in Southfield, Michigan where Defendant is believed to have earned a currently unknown sum for his musical performances; (g) March 25, 2007 at the Senior Center/Sterling Coffee House in Sterling Heights, Michigan where Defendant is believed to have earned the sum of \$700.00 for his musical performances; (h) Spring 2007 at the Chelsea Center for the Arts in Chelsea, Michigan where Defendant is believed to have earned a currently unknown sum for his musical performances; (i) October 20, 2007 at the Musical Extravaganza Benefit for the Church of the Holy City located in Royal Oak, Michigan where Defendant sold the Defendant's CD for financial gain; and

- (j) January 12, 2008 at the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue in Southfield, Michigan where Defendant is believed to have earned a currently unknown sum for his musical performances.
- 25. Upon information and belief, Defendant's actions and infringing nature of the Defendant's CD constitute a calculated, methodical effort to not only copy the Plaintiff's musical compilation and Plaintiff's Copyright Filing, but to obtain additional unfair advantage by deliberately and knowingly selling a tangible good or product in commerce which does not emanate from the Flaintiff, who is the sole owner of the Defendant's musical rights by virtue of the written requirements of the September 29, 2005 agreement at Exhibit A and the October 1, 2005 agreement at Exhibit B.
- 26. Upon information and belief, Defendant's acts of providing and engaging in musical performances within this judicial district in at least the venues and locations set forth at Paragraph 24 above, without notifying, paying, or remitting to the Plaintiff the 20% of the earnings for such musical performances due and owing to the Plaintiff by the Defendant are a deliberate and intentional breach and violation of the written requirements of the September 29, 2005 agreement at Exhibit A and the October 1, 2005 agreement at Exhibit B.

#### COUNT I - COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

27. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the averments set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 26, inclusive, with the same effect as though fully rewritten in this Count for infringement by Defendant of Plaintiff's Copyright Filing for The

Plaintiff's musical compilation, "Charlie Latimer: Through The Years" set forth at Exhibit D. This Court has jurisdiction over this count under the U.S. Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq., 28 U.S.C. § 1331, 28 U.S.C. § 1338(a), and 1338(b). Venue is proper in this case under 28 U.S.C. § 1391.

- 28. Upon information and belief, Defendant, by virtue of his past personal and professional relationship with the Plaintiff had access to and/or otherwise obtained a copy of Plaintiff's musical composition in 2005 and used that copy to create, prepare, and produce the Defendant's CD.
- 29. By virtue of the facts herein averred, the Defendant has been and is engaging in copyright infringement by offering, providing, promoting, and disseminating his goods consisting of Defendant's CD which is substantially similar to Plaintiff's prior musical compilation, including the Plaintiff's Copyright Filing, in a manner and format substantially similar to the Plaintiff's Copyright Filing. Defendant has purposefully copied, sold, and disseminated an authorized version of Plaintiff's musical compilation and Plaintiff's Copyright Filing and otherwise promoted his music and Defendant's CD on the internet.
- 30. Upon information and belief, Defendant provides and offers substantially similar goods in interstate commerce to the public including, at least the Defendant's CD, and has deliberately, knowingly, and without any justification infringed Plaintiff's Copyright Filing by copying and selling the material found in Plaintiff's prior existing musical compilation and appropriated such material for his own commercial gain in multiple venues and channels.

- 31. Upon information and belief, Defendant has been and continues to unfairly trade upon and appropriate the prestige, reputation, goodwill, and very creation conceived by the Plaintiff as represented by the Plaintiff's musical compilation, including the Plaintiff's Copyright Filing, and is thereby deceiving the public through acts that impact and involve interstate commerce.
- 32. Upon information and belief, Defendant's infringing use of the Plaintiff's Copyright Filing has been deliberate and willful and has been committed with the intent to cause confusion and mistake, and to deceive and defraud the public.
- 33. The acts of the Defendant are causing irreparable injury to the Plaintiff and her legitimate interests in the Plaintiff's musical composition, the Plaintiff's Copyright Filing, and the Plaintiff's contractual rights in the September 29, 2005 agreement at Exhibit A and the October 1, 2005 agreement at Exhibit B. Upon information and belief, the infringing acts of the Defendant will expand and multiply in scope if not enjoined and restrained by this Court.
- 34. Among the exclusive rights available to the Plaintiff under the U.S. Copyright Act are the exclusive rights to reproduce the Plaintiff's musical compilation, prepare derivative works, perform, and to distribute the Plaintiff's musical compilation to the public.
- 35. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff believes that Defendant, without the permission or consent of Plaintiff, has used, and continues to use at least substantially similar portions of Plaintiff's musical compilation by reproducing, preparing derivative works, and distributing copies or phonorecords

which are embodied and manifested in Defendant's CD. In doing so, Defendant has violated Plaintiff's exclusive rights of reproduction, performing and distribution under the U.S. Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. 106 in particular.

- 36. Defendant's actions constitute infringement of Plaintiffs' Copyright Filing and exclusive rights under 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq, and §501 in particular in that Defendant's CD described in Paragraph 35 above and at Exhibit E hereto copies and contains overlapping musical tracks and content found in the Plaintiff's musical compilation. The Defendant's CD at Exhibit E contains the following twelve (12) musical tracks: "You Don't Know Me", "Just Like A Woman", "It Takes A Lot To Laugh", "Under African Skies" (with Barbara Bredius), "Fanette", "Games People Play", "Imagine", "Fire and Rain", "Angel", "Love Minus Zero", "The Weight", and "Some Come To Dance", also known as "There's A Meetin' Here Tonight".
- 37. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff believes that the foregoing acts of infringement have been willful and intentional, in disregard of, and with indifference to, the rights of the Plaintiff as well as both the September 29, 2005 agreement at Exhibit A and the October 1, 2005 agreement at Exhibit B.
- 38. As a result of Defendant's infringement of Plaintiff's Copyright Filing and exclusive rights under copyright law, Plaintiff's entitled to statutory damages pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504(c) for Defendant's infringement and/or willful infringement of the Work and/or actual damages sustained by Plaintiff and or other remedies allowed by the U.S. Copyright Act. Plaintiff is further entitled to his attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 505.

- 39. The conduct of Defendant is causing and, unless enjoined and restrained by this Court, will continue to cause Plaintiff great and irreparable injury that cannot fully be compensated or measured in money. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law.
- 40. Pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 502 and 503, Plaintiff is entitled to injunctive relief prohibiting Defendant from further infringing Plaintiffs Copyright Filing and ordering Defendant to destroy all copies of sound recordings made in violation of Plaintiff's exclusive rights.

# COUNT II - UNFAIR COMPETITION UNDER 15 U.S.C. §1125(a)

- 41. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the averments set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 40, inclusive, with the same effect as though fully rewritten in this Count for unfair competition by the Defendant. This Court has jurisdiction over this count under the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1051 et seq., (particularly 15 U.S.C. § 1125) and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1338(a) and (b).
- 42. Defendant deliberately copied the Plaintiff's musical composition and commenced the use, sale, and dissemination of a confusingly similar tangible good embodied in Defendant's CD which, if not enjoined, Plaintiff justly fears that Defendant will continue to disseminate information to the public with the intention of misleading the public as to the source, author, owner, and/or creator of the materials appropriated by the Defendant and shown at Exhibit E.
- 43. Defendant's misrepresentations and actions have caused, or will likely cause, confusion as to the origin or sponsorship of the materials shown at Exhibit E which were originally created by the Plaintiff as shown at Exhibit C.

- 44. By virtue of the facts herein averred, the acts of the Defendant constitute unfair competition within the meaning of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. 1125, and the common law of the State of Michigan.
- 45. Upon information and belief, the Defendants acts are also in violation of the Plaintiff's rights in the September 29, 2005 agreement at Exhibit A and the October 1, 2005 agreement at Exhibit B.
- 46. The acts of the Defendant are causing irreparable in ury to Plaintiff's trade prospects, business reputation, prestige and goodwill, especially since the Plaintiff's musical compilation was contemplated to provide both charitable and philanthropic benefits to the OCD Foundation of Michigan.
- 47. Upon information and belief, the infringing acts of the Defendant will expand and multiply in scope unless restrained by this Court under the provisions of Fed.R.Civ.P. 65. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law and said acts will continue unless restrained by this Court.

# **COUNT III - UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES UNDER MCLA 445.903**

48. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the averments set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 47, inclusive, with the same effect as though fully rewritten in this Count for unfair trade practices by the Defendant. Plaintiff submits that this Court has jurisdiction over this count under the doctrine of supplemental jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1367 and that this count relates to a claim involving subject matter and harm to the Plaintiff which is independent and different in nature from claims and subject matter that may be preempted by the U.S. Copyright Act.

49. Defendant's conduct constitutes unfair trade practices in violation of MCLA 445.903 and the common law of the State of Michigan.

#### **COUNT IV - CONVERSION**

- 50. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the averments set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 49, inclusive, with the same effect as though fully rewritten in this Count for conversion by the Defendant. Plaintiff submits that this Court has jurisdiction over this count under the doctrine of supplemental jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1367 and that this count relates to a claim involving subject matter and harm to the Plaintiff which is independent and different in nature from claims and subject matter that may be preempted by the U.S. Copyright Act.
- 51. Defendant's conduct constitutes conversion in violation of the common law of the State of Michigan.

#### **COUNT V - BREACH OF CONTRACT**

- 52. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs 1-51 as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff submits that this Court has jurisdiction over this count under the doctrine of supplemental jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1367 and that this count relates to a claim involving subject matter and harm to the Plaintiff which is independent and different in nature from claims and subject matter that may be preempted by the U.S. Copyright Act.
- 53. Upon information and belief, the Defendant has received a benefit from the unauthorized breach and impairment of rights and interests held by the Plaintiff as a result of both the September 29, 2005 written agreement set forth

at Exhibit A hereto and the October 1, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit B hereto resulting in an inequity to the Plaintiff and the retention of the ber efit by the Defendant.

- 54. Upon information and belief, the Defendant's actions and conduct of offering, selling, and providing the Defendant's CD in at least the State of Michigan is in violation of the Plaintiff's rights under the September 29, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit A hereto and the October 1, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit B which clearly state that the Plaintiff, Nancy Ellen Vance, is the sole owner of the Defendant's music.
- 55. Upon information and belief, the Defendant has received a benefit from the unauthorized breach and impairment of rights and interests held by the Plaintiff as a result of both the September 29, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit A hereto and the October 1, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit B hereto by withholding the contractually required payment to the Plaintiff of 20% of all of the Defendant's earnings from his musical performances from at least September 29, 2005 to the present.
- 56. Upon information and belief, the Defendant's actions and conduct of providing and engaging in musical performances in interstate commerce without providing the Plaintiff with the required 20% of all of the Defendant's earnings from such musical performances is a violation of the Plaintiff's rights under the September 29, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit A hereto and the October 1, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit B and the common law of the State of Michigan.

- 57. By virtue of the facts herein averred, the acts of the Defendant are in breach and violation of the September 29, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit A hereto and the October 1, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit B in violation of the common law of the State of Michigan.
- 58. The acts of the Defendant are causing irreparable injury to Plaintiff's rights under the agreements at Exhibit A & B. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law and said acts will continue unless restrained by this Court.

# **COUNT VI - COMMON LAW UNJUST ENRICHMENT**

- 59. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs 1-58 as though fully set forth herein. Plaintiff submits that this Court has jurisdiction over this count under the doctrine of supplemental jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1367 and that this count relates to a claim involving subject matter and harm to the Plaintiff which is independent and different in nature from claims and subject matter that may be preempted by the U.S. Copyright Act.
- 60. Upon information and belief, the Defendant has received a benefit from the unauthorized use and impairment of rights and interests held by the Plaintiff resulting in an inequity to the Plaintiff and the retention of the benefit by the Defendant.
- 61. By virtue of the facts herein averred, the acts of the Defendant have resulted in the unjust enrichment of the Defendant in violation of the common law of the State of Michigan.
  - 62. The acts of the Defendant are causing irreparable injury to

Plaintiff's prospective trade, business reputation, prestige and goodwill in violation of the common law of the State of Michigan. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law and said acts will continue unless restrained by this Court.

# **COUNT VII - ACCOUNTING**

- 63. Plaintiff hereby incorporates by reference the allegations contained in the previous paragraphs 1-62 as though fully set forth herein.
- 64. Plaintiff submits that this Court has jurisdiction over this court wider the doctrine of supplemental jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §1367 and that this count relates to a claim involving subject matter and harm to the Plaintiff which is independent and different in nature from claims and subject matter that may be preempted by the U.S. Copyright Act.
- 65. Upon information and belief, the Defendant has received and derived earnings, and continues to derive and receive earnings, from the provision of musical performances and musical performance services to the public wherein Defendant is obligated under the September 29, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit A hereto and the October 1, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit B to pay, remit, and provide to Plaintiff 20% of all earnings from such musical performances on an on-going basis.
- 66. To date, Defendant has not paid, remitted, or provided any financial sums or records of such earnings from musical performances to the Plaintiff.
- 67. Upon information and belief, Defendant is receiving, and continues to receive, earnings from musical performances on an on-going basis of which

20% of such earnings needs to be accounted for, and provided to, the Plaintiff under the express terms of the September 29, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit A hereto and the October 1, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit B.

- 68. By virtue of the facts herein averred, the acts of the Defendant have resulted in an inequity in violation of the September 29, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit A hereto and the October 1, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit B and the common law of the State of Michigan which requires an audit and accounting of all revenues and earnings of the Defendant from musical performances from at least September 29, 2005 to the present.
- 69. The acts of the Defendant are causing irreparable injury to Plaintiff's rights in the September 29, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit A hereto and the October 1, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit B. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law and said acts will continue unless this Court orders an accounting of all revenues and earnings of the Defendant from musical performances from at least September 29, 2005 to the present.

# COUNT VIII – DECLARATORY JUDGMENT OF OWNERSHIP OF THE DEFENDANT'S MUSIC AND MUSICAL WORKS

70. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the averments set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 69, inclusive, with the same effect as though fully rewritten in this Count for relief under the Declaratory Judgment Act against the Defendant.

- 71. By virtue of the rights transferred and assigned to the Plaintiff by the Defendant in the September 29, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit A hereto and the October 1, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit B, the Plaintiff is the "sole owner" of the Defendant's music as well as any all legal rights embodied in, or appurtenant to, the Defendant's music.
- 72. To date, the actions and conduct of the Defendant have expressed and evidenced Defendant's breach of the Plaintiff's rights in the September 29, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit A hereto and the October 1, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit B and an assertion that the Defendant somehow maintains rights to the music and musical rights in question despite the transfer and assignment of such rights set forth in the September 29, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit A hereto and the October 1, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit B.
- 73. Upon information and belief, the actions and conduct of the Defendant are detrimental to the Plaintiff and function to interfere with and impede existing and prospective contractual relations between the Plaintiff and potential third party clients/customers as well as other economic expectancies that Plaintiff may otherwise enjoy and receive the benefit from by virtue of the fact that the Plaintiff is the proper "sole owner" of the Defendant's music.
- 74. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff is the sole owner of the Defendant's music and musical works by virtue of the September 29, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit A hereto and the October 1, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit B.

- 75. Upon information and belief, the Defendant's actions and conduct of providing and selling the Defendant's CD, which embodies and contains the Defendant's music, which was previously assigned and transferred to the Plaintiff by the September 29, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit A hereto and the October 1, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit B effectively clouds the Plaintiff's contractual rights as the "sole owner" of such music and rights and/or otherwise impairs Plaintiff's ownership rights and title to the music.
- 76. As a consequence of the foregoing, there is an actual and justifiable controversy between Plaintiff and Defendant whereby Plaintiff seeks a declaration that it is the sole owner of the Defendant's music as set forth in the September 29, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit A hereto and the October 1, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit B.
- Defendant's actions of continuing to provide, sell, and promote the Defendant's CD in this judicial district falsely claims and/or implies that Defendant retains some type of ownership interest in the Defendant's music despite the prior and existing Plaintiff's rights in the September 29, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit A hereto and the October 1, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit B.
- 78. Plaintiff has a legitimate and good faith interest in receiving declaratory relief from the Court that she is the "sole owner" of the Defendant's music. As a result, an actual controversy exists between Plaintiff and Defendant, concerning whether the Plaintiff is the "sole owner" of the Defendant's music, exists.

79. Plaintiff seeks a declaration that she is the sole owner of the Defendant's music by virtue of the Plaintiff's rights in the September 29, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit A hereto and the October 1, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit B.

#### COUNT IX

(Declaratory Relief Under 28 U.S.C. § 2201, et seq. Seeking A Declaration That Plaintiff Is Entitled To 20% Of Defendant's Earnings From Musical Performances From September 29, 2005 And Beyond)

- 80. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the averments set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 79, inclusive, with the same effect as though fully rewritten in this Count for relief under the Declaratory Judgment Act against the Defendant.
- 81. By virtue of the September 29, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit A hereto and the October 1, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit B, the Plaintiff is entitled to receive 20% of all of the Defendant's earnings from musical performances indefinitely. Still further, the October 1, 2005 agreement at Exhibit B provides that: "She [VANCE] will receive this portion before payment to accompaniment, taxes, or any other expense. Payment from performances will be separate from any other money owed to her by me [LATIMER]." [emphasis added].
- 82. To date, the actions and conduct of the Defendant have expressed and evidenced Defendant's breach of the Plaintiff's rights in the September 29, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit A hereto and the October 1 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit B by virtue of the fact that Defendant has not paid, provided, or remitted any portion of his earnings from musical

performances despite Plaintiff's actual knowledge that such performances have taken place within this judicial district.

- 83. Upon information and belief, the actions and conduct of the Defendant are detrimental to the Plaintiff and function to interfere with and impede existing and prospective contractual relations between the Plaintiff and potential third party clients/customers as well as other economic expectancies that Plaintiff may otherwise enjoy and receive the benefit from by virtue of the fact that the Plaintiff is properly entitled to receive 20% of all of the Defendant's earnings from musical performances from at least as early as September 29, 2005 into perpetuity.
- 84. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff is properly entitled to receive 20% of all of the Defendant's earnings from musical performances from at least as early as September 29, 2005 into perpetuity by virtue of the September 29, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit A hereto and the October 1, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit B.
- 85. Upon information and belief, the Defendant's actions and conduct of providing and engaging in musical performances without providing the Plaintiff with the 20% allocation of earnings required under the September 29, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit A hereto and the October 1, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit B effectively clouds the Plaintiff's contractual rights, deprives the Plaintiff of such earnings, and/or otherwise impairs Plaintiff's economic expectancy relating to the musical performances.

- 86. As a consequence of the foregoing, there is an actual and justifiable controversy between Plaintiff and Defendant whereby Plaintiff seeks a declaration that it she is entitled to receive 20% of the Defendant's earnings from musical performances as set forth in the September 29, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit A hereto and the October 1, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit B.
- 87. Defendant's actions of continuing to provide and engage in musical performances in this judicial district and elsewhere falsely claims and/or implies that Defendant retains some type of ownership interest in all of the Defendant's earnings from musical performances despite the prior and existing Plaintiff's rights in the September 29, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit A hereto and the October 1, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit B.
- 88. Plaintiff has a legitimate and good faith interest in receiving declaratory relief from the Court that she is properly entitled to receive 20% of all of the Defendant's earnings from musical performances from at least as early as September 29, 2005 into perpetuity. As a result, an actual controversy exists between Plaintiff and Defendant, concerning whether the Plaintiff is entitled to receive 20% of all of the Defendant's earnings from musical performances from at least as early as September 29, 2005 into perpetuity.
- 89. Plaintiff seeks a declaration that she is properly entitled to receive 20% of all of the Defendant's earnings from musical performances from at least as early as September 29, 2005 into perpetuity as provided for in the September

29, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit A hereto and the October 1, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit B.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendant, as follows:

- A. Enter an Order pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 65 preliminarily and permanently enjoining the Defendant, his agents, servants, employees and all persons in active concert or participation with him, from (1) manufacturing, displaying, promoting, offering, disseminating, or selling Plaintiff's musical compilation, Plaintiff's Copyright Filing or any modification, derivation, or reproduction thereof; (2) copying, displaying, or distributing, or in any other way using the Plaintiff's musical compilation or any portion thereof; and (3) making in any manner whatsoever any statement, indication, suggestion or representation, or performing any act likely to lead the public or individual members of the public to believe that the Defendant or any goods or services offered by Defendant are in any manner either owned or controlled by the Defendant, or directly or indirectly, associated, connected with, licensed, authorized, franchised or approved by Plaintiff or anyone associated with Plaintiff.
- B. Enter an Order directing the Defendant to produce to Plaintiff's counsel for impoundment and destruction all infringing advertising, products, or other infringing articles in Defendant's possession, custody or control, specifically including any and all copies of Defendant's CD, as well as within the custody or control of any persons associated with or acting on behalf of the Defendant;
- C. Enter an Order requiring the Defendant to file with the Court and to serve on Plaintiff's counsel, within thirty (30) days after service of any preliminary injunction or permanent injunction issued here, or within such reasonable time as the Court shall direct, a report in writing and under oath setting forth in detail the

manner and form in which the Defendant has complied with the injunction;

- D. Order an accounting of profits and other damages derived from the Defendant's acts of copyright infringement, unfair competition, and violations of the common law of the State of Michigan;
- E. Order that Plaintiff be awarded damages for Defendant's copyright infringement as either (i) actual damages in an amount to be determined at trial, together with Defendant's profits derived from its unlawful infringement of Plaintiff's musical compilation or Plaintiff's Copyright Filing; or (ii) statutory damages for each act of infringement in an amount provided by law, at Plaintiff's election before the entry of a final judgment, together with prejudgment and post-judgment interest;
- F. Enter a judgment in favor of Plaintiff and against the Defendant in an amount to be set forth when determined as damages, the amount of damages including: (i) actual losses and harm suffered by the Plaintiff due to Defendant's actions and infringement; (ii) profits the Plaintiff has lost or will lose due to Defendant's actions and infringement; (iii) profits and advantages obtained by Defendant by his actions and infringement; and (iv) treble damages and attorney's fees, or in the alternative, statutory fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1117 and the United States Copyright Act (17 U.S.C. §101 et. seq.), and in proper amount of punitive and exemplary damages based upon the will nature of Defendant's conduct;
- G. Award Plaintiff her expenses, including attorney's fees and costs, incurred by them in the pursuit of this cause of action, including attorney's fees

pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §505 and 15 U.S.C. §1117;

- H. Order and declare that: (i) the September 29, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit A hereto and the October 1, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit B are valid and enforceable agreements; (ii) the September 29, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit A hereto and the October 1, 2005 written agreement set forth at Exhibit B effectively transferred and assigned all of the Defendant's rights in his music to the Plaintiff; (iii) the Plaintiff, Nancy Ellen Vance, is the "sole owner" of all of the Defendant's music and musical rights as of September 29, 2005; (iv) the Plaintiff, Nancy Ellen Vance, is entitled to receive 20% of all earnings from the Defendant's musical performances from September 29, 2005 into perpetuity; and (v) Order the Defendant to provide a verified accounting to the Plaintiff of all earnings from either the sale, licensing, or transfer of musical works, as well as earnings from musical performances, from September 29, 2005 through the date of the Court's Order; and
- Award Plaintiff her costs and such further relief as the Court deems necessary and proper.

# **JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury on issues so triable.

Respectfully submitted,

jeff@patentco.com

Dated: February 13, 2008

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# **VERIFIED STATEMENT**

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, that the foregoing aversions in Plaintiff's VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF, COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT, AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated: February 13, 2008

By: Mancy Ellen Vance
Nancy Ellen Vance



#### **EXHIBIT A**

# CHARLIE LATIMER'S NOTARIZED STATEMENT OF INTENT DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 2005

REGARDING NANCY ELLEN VANCE BEING THE OWNER OF
ALL MUSICAL WORKS AND COMMISION OF MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

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#### EXHIBIT B

## CHARLIE LATIMER'S NOTARIZED STATEMENT OF INTENT DATED OCTOBER 1, 2005

REGARDING NANCY ELLEN VANCE BEING THE SOLE OWNER OF
ALL MUSICAL WORKS AND COMMISION OF MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Nancy Ellen Vance is the sole owner of all my music, which may be used at her discretion.

Nancy Ellen Vance will receive 20% of all my earnings from musical performances indefinitely. She will receive this portion before payment to accompaniment, taxes, or any other expense. Payment from performances will be separate from any other money owed to her by me.

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#### EXHIBIT C

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"CHARLIE LATIMER: THROUGH THE YEARS"





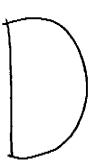
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# DEFENDANT'S DISSEMINATED MUSICAL WORK "CHARLIE LATIMER – I'LL SING A SONG FOR YOU"



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